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GROWING PACE OF PACIFIC WAR KEEPS PRESSURE ON SPRAGUE WORKERS

Radio Industry to Provide Better Way of Life - Says Cosgrove

President of Radio Manufacturers Association Predicts Bright Future for

*Radar, Radio and Electronics

After the war the radio industry will provide "new things in radio, radar and electronics—all of which will bring new pleasures, new entertainment, new means of education, and a better way of life," according to R. C. Cosgrove, Radio Manufacturers Association President.

"Radio, as we know it today, started twenty-five years ago in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, when Station KDKA broadcast the Harding-Cox election returns to a limited number of nearby amateur radio operators. Interest spread quickly across the country, and radio broadcasting was born.

"In nineteen twenty-four, nine manufacturers of home radio receivers and other radio equipment organized the Radio Manufacturers' Association. Today, there are two hundred and ten manufacturing members, representing eighty per cent of the nation's radio manufacturing industry.

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Receiving Red Cross Aid Somewhere at the Front

ANNUAL RED CROSS DRIVE MARCH 1-31

Blood plasma, surgical dressings, clubmobiles — these are some of the things you help furnish our fighting men when you support the Red Cross War Fund. Others are recreation for able-bodied and wounded, aid to the families of men in service, and assistance to the veteran returning to civil life. There is a well-developed program for prisoners of war where food parcels, medical supplies, books and other articles go to the men of United Nations armies captured by the enemy.

Support the Red Cross War Fund! Give now — give more!

Jerries Caught Napping

January 23, 1945

Dear Friends:

Just a little note to let you know that we still think of the old gang though we don't write often. I still enjoy the Log and find it increasingly progressive as the plant receives more and more awards for its fine work.

We've been pretty busy lately, Luxembourg, the Hurtgen Forest near Duren, Christmas at Aachen, and then the Ardennes Salient. Quite an experience. While at Aachen I had the opportunity to tour the city extensively. The Jerries will remember this place a hell of a lot longer than the Treaty of Versailles, or anything else they ever signed. It is a large city and hardly a building is undamaged by shell fire or bombing. Charlemagne wouldn't recognize it and I'm sure Adolf wouldn't either.

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SNOW ON THE TRAIL - - Al Horsfall snaps this picture.

Musical Therapy - Helpful in Reconditioning

"Music is fun!" says the veteran at Lovell General Hospital — "Music is therapeutic," says Captain Sidney Licht — both are right. Musical Therapy has been in common use for sometime for patients who have long convalescence or who are mentally disturbed. Captain Sidney Licht of the Lovell General Hospital at Fort Devens decided to try it for the strengthening of muscles and the freeing of joints and scarred tissue. He found it invaluable, and Musical Therapy is now considered one of the most important treatments in reconditioning injured veterans.

Piano playing or the brushing motion

of the fingers against the strings of a Mandolin or ukulele for stiff hands or fingers; violin movements for injured elbows or shoulder joints; pumping a foot pump organ for feet and leg conditions; make treatment not only more interesting and enjoyable, but expedite recovery.

One big problem in a hospital like Lovell General, is morale. After an extensive survey Captain Licht learned that 80% of the people like music. On the theory that patients can brood seriously if they sit around doing nothing Captain Licht has organized one of the strangest bands in existence.

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Need of Armed Services for Electric-Electronic Components Continues High

Though the kinds, type, and quantities of condensers, resistors and components may vary with the swiftly shifting needs of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Corps -- yet the demand continues for all-out production.

Though the pressure here at Sprague's may vary and shift from one item or department to another, Sprague workers all know that all orders on which they are working are of utmost importance to winning the war.

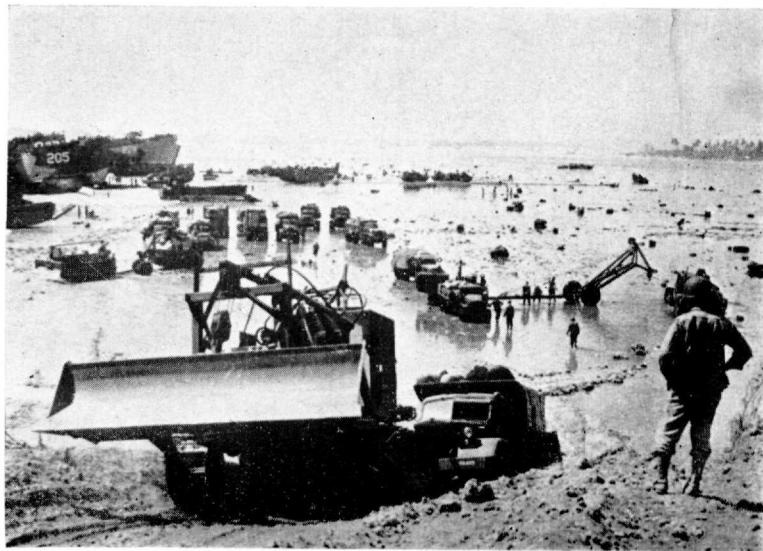
Though the end of the war with Germany may be in sight, the final weeks of fighting will be costly in men and material . . . And as the war with Japan goes into the last half, the need for continued maximum production is crystal clear. It is a national "must". Sprague workers have always set a high record; and Sprague workers will maintain that high record until both wars are won!

CALLING YOUR ATTENTION

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ON THE BEACH OF SAIPAN



Thomas R. Perras, G.M. 2-c, USS, L.S.T. 274 sends picture of landing on Saipan Beach of the Mariana Islands. "That's my ship -- the one way over -- you can see the number on the bow," he states. Perras was formerly in Block Annex Department, his mother is in Block Test.

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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SUPPORT YOUR RED CROSS

Sprague workers have always supported the work of the Red Cross. March has again been designated as the month for raising funds for the good work which the Red Cross does for the boys in service, and for civilians in times of emergency. You are urged to give every possible support to this great work.

ELECTRONICS AND OUR FUTURE

Our readers no doubt have noticed that we are running in nearly every issue of the LOG, articles -- sometimes long, and sometimes short, on Electronics and its future. We here at Sprague's are so closely bound up with the future of Electronics, that it seems highly important to give our readers intimation on the subject. We hope that you will at least scan these articles and items, as they appear -- particularly if you are interested in what the field of Electronics can, and possibly will, mean to you and to North Adams, as well as to the future growth of the Sprague Electric Company.

LOG REPORTERS

We hope that you are interested in the thumb nail sketches of our reporters and editors which are appearing in current issues of the LOG. They are deserving of praise, and we give them a big hand for their interest in the LOG.

WHAT ARE WE COMPLAINING ABOUT ?

We civilians may complain and grumble about the shortage of meat, about rationing. We beef about the shortage of fuel, of tires. We grumble about prices, yell about the cigarette shortage. But servicemen need not be alarmed -- it's just our good old American way of expressing pent-up emotions. It's our way of exercising our right of independence -- and no Nazi gestapo can stop us! But deep down inside, we're mighty thankful for our American way of life -- and knuckle down to produce the goods -- that those in service -- need.

Welcome Back to Work From Service

Welcome to Vincent Matranga, who has completed two years in service, and is now working in P.A.A. Department, Brown Street.

Welcome to Charles (Chuck) Blouin, who left for active service four years ago with Company K, of North Adams. Chuck is now in Check Inspection.

Congratulations to John Greene

Congratulations are extended to John Greene, door man at the Brown Street Plant. The 25 year membership pin presented to Johnnie at the Elks' Old Timers' Nite is something he will always treasure.

The Elks may well be proud of a member like Johnnie, as for his co-workers they join him in his pleasure and vow he is ok. Need more be said?

Radio Industry -- A Better Way of Life

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"The early years of uncontrolled broadcasting, accompanied by some confusion due to interference and overlapping of stations, brought about the creation of the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC has been of tremendous value to the radio industry in standardization, allocation of frequencies and in general supervision of conditions in this public service industry.

"How free of government interference, and how great a public contribution the industry has been able to make, is best understood by comparison with other countries where most of the broadcasting is completely government-controlled or government-operated. In many countries, such as England, one must pay an annual license fee to use a home radio set.

"In the United States, on the other hand, we have more than sixty-million home radio receivers, or more than half of all the radios in the world on which we pay no fee. Forty per cent of the world's broadcasting stations are in our own country.

"The radio industry has made tremendous contributions to the war

program. It supplies equipment not only to our own armed forces, but to our Allies as well. Modern, mobile warfare depends upon communications under all conditions and the radio industry, which, before the war, amounted to three hundred and twenty-five million dollars in business a year, produced more than four billion dollars worth of radio equipment in nineteen forty-four. In this country alone, we produce more radio and radar equipment than our Allies and the Axis combined.

"After the war, this great industry will bring out finer radios and other electronic equipment, because of the advancements and knowledge gained through our war experiences. The engineering departments of the leading companies in the radio industry have been enlarged greatly and the number of persons trained in the arts and science of radio have multiplied probably five-fold. Out of this finely trained, enthusiastic group will come new things in radio, radar and electronics--all of which will bring new pleasures, new entertainment, new means of education, and a better way of life."



David Cassidy, S.F.3-c, now stationed in Honolulu, and has spent 16 months in the South Pacific. Formerly of Engineering Dept., he met Aubrey Brown of Machine Shop while in Honolulu.

WORKING MOTHERS

Why not provide your children with the best of care while at work!

St. Anthony Day Nursery provides your children from 2 years of age and up the best facilities, with the best of care.

The Center is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children may receive "All Day Care" or "Part-time Care" if going to school.

Since 1943, the Center has served more than 200 children of working mothers of North Adams and vicinity. The Nursery has been qualified as one of the best and most modern-equipped Nursery Centers in the Berkshires. A visit of inspection to the Nursery at any time will convince you of this.

Children are taught to feed, clothe and attend themselves; habits in cleanliness and manners are stressed. Instruction is handled by understanding, patient Sisters of the Venerini Order, whose sole task is to build a healthy, good-living boy or girl for the mother engaged in vital war industries.

Meals are under supervision of the same Venerini Sisters assisted by an experienced cook and dietician. Breakfast, mid-morning lunch, one full meal at noon, and an afternoon lunch make up the nutrition schedule.

The Nursery has been approved by the Federal Government as it receives Federal Aid under the Lanham Act. Call 993-W or come to the Nursery at any time for any further information.

St. Anthony Day Nursery
16 Weber Avenue
North Adams, Mass.

Musical Therapy

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Being composed of wounded veterans who are constantly being transferred, the personnel of the band changes daily, but the important thing to them isn't the number of musicians or the quality of the music--but the fact that they participate!

Music is also broadcast over the public address system at intervals during the day. Some of the programs are arranged by the Therapist and some are request programs.

We can feel that in a very small way we have contributed to this program of Musical Therapy, because many of the records played at Lovell were donated last fall by the Sprague Electric workers.

In his work of reconditioning injured veterans, Captain Licht's first assistant is Miss Betty Anne Judge who will be remembered in North Adams for her appearance as guest artist on the "Sprague on Parade" radio program last August. She is a graduate from the New England Conservatory of Music and is the niece of our nurse, Etta Owen.

Sparks - - from "Sprague on Parade"

We all heard about Kit Carson's horse -- nag -- er, trusty steed, last Wednesday over station WTRY. Deac Russell asked Kit at the program: "Kit, isn't it about time we heard more about your horse? How is he standing this cold weather?" "He isn't," replied Kit. "He isn't standing it -- he's sitting. Right now, he's stretched out before a blazing log fire, reading his valentines and my fan mail."

Editorial Note:--Tell your friends to tune in at 4:15 to "Sprague on Parade" news, music and interviews, sparked by Larry Madison as Music Master; Kit Carson as Master of Ceremonies; Deac Russell as Announcer Extraordinary; the Sprague Chorus; male quartet, and soloists including Charlotte Lasher, Robert Shoemaker, Alton

Perry, Jane Windover, Helen Lesure and Andrianna Prystas.

It is rumored that the Sprague Victory Chorus will have several additions in membership, and under the leadership of Larry Madison will soon rival other large employee choruses now on the networks.

It is also rumored that several recordings have been made of "Sprague on Parade" numbers, and after a few more have been made, are to be heard over our own plant broadcasting system. Now that the program has proven itself, over the past year, to be of almost professional standards, we are sure that our readers who are on duty at the plants during the time of the broadcast will welcome the opportunity of hearing some of the high spots of "Sprague on Parade."

Presents Scout Merit Awards

Peter Mancuso, District Scout Commissioner, presented merit awards to local Scouts during the Boy Scout Court of Honor held at Drury High School, February 9, 1945. Many of the Sprague employees are interested in Scout work in this vicinity: Jack Washburn is on the Executive Board of the Scouts; Robert Teeple is Vice-Chairman of the Northern District; Fred Windover is Activity Chairman; Charles Pickup is on the Board of Review; Tom Cullen is Cub Commissioner; Lawrence Dufraine and Al Horsfall are Neighborhood Commissioners; William Allison and Carey McLain are Cub Masters; Art Caron is Scout Master and Lloyd Bullett is Assistant Scout Master.

Also serving the Scouts, are Frank Chilson, Assistant Scout Master; Charles Dean, Cub Master at Williams-town, and Victor Obenhaus, Neighborhood Commissioner of Pittsfield.

Electrical Lessons For Sprague Workers

Lesson I - Electric Blankets

The average person spends approximately 2,500 hours a year in bed. In 60 years, he spends 150,000. Any place where you spend so much time, ought to be as comfortable as possible. Amazing as it seems, there has been only one major change in the type of blanket under which we usually sleep, since the historic era of Adam and Eve. This is the Electric Blanket.

Electrical manufacturers, during war production conversion, then developed the electrically-heated flying suit for the AAF, and the wrap or cover for the famed Norden bombsight. After the war, the electric blanket will become available again, and manufacture of these electric comforters, made of satin, stitched and quilted in designs, in attractive color combinations. The control cabinet housing the transformer and thermostat control will be done in ivory and gold, finish.

Million-volt X-ray units bombard malignant cells with radiation equal to \$95,000,000 worth of radium.

When bread is too fresh to slice easily, chill it in the refrigerator before slicing.

Good lighting generally aids defective eye even more than it helps normal eyes.

Electric "digesters" on warships dispose of garbage which if cast overboard might attract submarines.



★ ★ Letters and News from the Armed Forces ★ ★

Citation

George Coody stopped at the Log Desk, while home on leave, to show us the original Citation given to his ship and its members: the USS. Radford. It said in part: "For outstanding performance in action against enemy forces off Kolombangara Isle, Solomon Islands on the night of July 5-6, 1943. After waging a vigorous battle as part of the small Task Force which destroyed a superior Japanese surface force, the RADFORD remained behind with an accompanying destroyer to save the survivors of the torpedoed USS. Helena. The valorous achievements of the Radford reflect great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

Marceau Awarded Air Medal

Sergeant Eugene Marceau, formerly supervisor in the Boxing Department, has been awarded the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in aerial combat," it was announced recently.

He is a veteran of eight bombing missions over Germany, including such vital targets as Berlin and Hamburg.

Sgt. Marceau is a gunner with the 466th Bombardment Group which received official commendation from Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commanding Eighth Air Force, for combat achievement on their first mission which was an attack against Berlin. It was the longest initial assault ever flown by any unit in the history of the European theater and one of the heaviest daylight bombardments of the German capital on record.

It has been reported to the Log Staff that "Gene" has been promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Patenaude, Nazi Prisoner

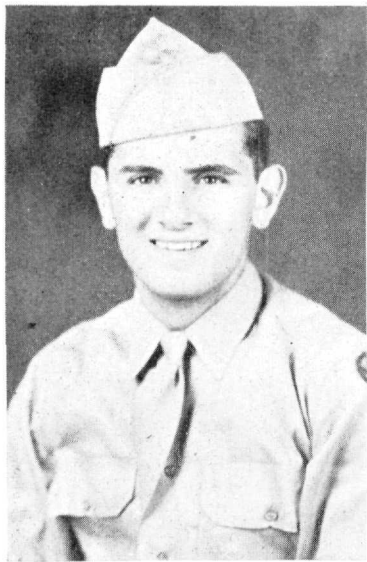
Tech. Sgt. Edward Patenaude, previously reported missing in action, has been taken a prisoner by the Germans, according to a card received by his parents. Sgt. Patenaude sent the card on December 25th, but it was not received here until the 15th of this month.

Home From Italy

Lt. Jean S. Fairs, A.N.C. has been spending a three weeks' furlough with her mother, Jessie of Selkar, after serving overseas for the past two years. She will report to Atlantic City for further assignment.

Recovering

Word has been received that Pvt. Harry Davine, wounded in action in Belgium, is now a patient at an English hospital and making "normal recovery."



Edw. Ziter, formerly worked at Brown Street, now in Belgium. Nephew of Delia Franzoni, of B.T.A.



Pfc. Robert L. Button, Jr.

Pfc. Robert L. Button, Jr., Killed In Action

Veteran of Solomons and New Guinea. Former Employee of Sprague Electric Company for Eight Years.

To the wife and family of Pfc. Robert Button is extended the sincerest sympathy of the Sprague Electric Company and its employees.

Pfc. Button worked in Paper Rolling and Impregnating Department prior to entering the service in 1943. He left for overseas duty in December 1943, and was a veteran of the Solo-

mons and New Guinea campaigns. He took part in the invasion of the Philippines, according to a letter received by his wife, dated January 16th, and received here February 10th. He was killed in action on Luzon, January 21, 1945, according to a telegram received from the War Department.

Mrs. Button was formerly Helen Felix and is employed at the present time in the Beaver Street Dispensary. "Greater Love Hath No Man, than this, that a man Lay Down His Life for His Friends."

Tells of Good Nursing Care

Italy, Jan. 30th
Hello Gang,

How are things going back there? Fine I hope. I hope I get a chance to see the U.S.A. before I hit out for the Islands. Most of us fellows over here are in a sweat about getting out of here before summer sets in. This place has the funniest weather. In winter there is plenty of mud, and in summer plenty of dust. Take it from me sunny Italy isn't so sunny after all.

I was happy to hear that my wife Lola is working in the Ind. Oil Dept. under the supervision of Louie. I know she will like it there, as I did. I am in the hospital here with yellow jaundice and an attack of appendicitis. The care is the best to be had over here and the nurses are nice. I am expecting Johnny Paradise tonight. Guess he is about due for rotation. Will be glad when I see my name upon the list. But I'll be here at least another year before I can think of that.

Best of the best to all. Keep up the swell work.

Sincerely,

Jim Dillon

News from Lew Quimby

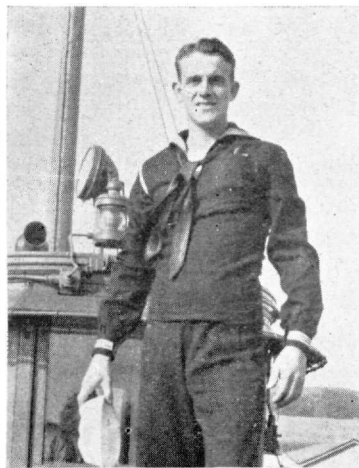
The following excerpts were taken from a letter received by Harry Kalker from Lew Quimby, formerly of the Shipping Room: Quote, "The winters over here are really rugged and the terrain is the same but one thing an American soldier can do is adapt himself to conditions and beat the enemy at his own game. You probably know by now that we set the big German counter attack back on its heels but it sure was rough going. I'm glad the folks home have gotten over such inane arguments as to who is going to handle V-Day funds, and gotten back into the mood that it's far from being won yet. It's a little harder than people think and we sure use up supplies beating back the Jerry."



Raymond Johnson, S 2-c, stationed at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He formerly worked in B.T.A.

NEW SEAMAN VERSION:

Praise the Lord -- the ammunition passed me!



Arthur DelPonte, S. 2-c, husband of Mary, of Check Inspectors. Arthur is stationed at Charleston, S. C.

Citation for Robert Cutler

Serving with the 15th AAF in Italy

The Fifteenth Army Air Force Liberator group was recently accorded the War Department's Distinguished Unit Citation for a particularly successful bombing mission against the Florisdorf oil refineries at Vienna, Austria. Members of both ground and air echelons were included. Besides this Distinguished Unit Badge, Sgt. Cutler holds the Theater Ribbon with two Battle Stars.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Staff Sgt. Anthony Pisano who lost his life in Luxembourg, Jan. 25th. Three of his sisters and a brother are employed at the Sprague Electric Company: Josephine of Boxing, Theresa of Resistors, Jennie Melito of Dry Test, and brother Dominic of Stock Room.

Whereabouts of:

Sgt. Clifford Roy has arrived in the Marianna Islands according to word received by his wife, Jeannette Roy. He was former supervisor of the "W.E." Dept.

Pvt. Earl Atwell, formerly of the Paper Rolling Department has arrived in France. He was home on furlough at Christmas time.

Pfc. Angelo Corbosiero, who has been with the Army for over three years is now stationed in England. He was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal. His brother, Anthony, is in Italy and his brother, Joseph, is now stationed in China.

Jerries Caught Napping

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Our last little skirmish was against one of the SS Panzer outfits. Our outfit chopped them up pretty well plus one of their Paratroop outfits. We converted several of them and now they are good Germans. We're hoping to greet the Rooshors soon.

The people in Belgium are very friendly as are the Luxembourgers. In Germany a non-fraternization policy is strictly enforced. This is necessary of course because these Nazis are a militant people and respecters of an army that comes as a conqueror. Any sign of kindness or leniency on our part is looked on as a sign of weakness.

The currency has bothered us at times not only the lack of it but the type.

The boys in the outfit had showers today the first in eight weeks and are in pretty good spirits. Of course the PX ration of beer and cognac might be helping too. There has been some trouble with Trench foot, a disease it took the American Army to contract. It's caused by having the feet wet and cold for prolonged periods. It can be mighty serious, sometimes resulting in amputations.

After one thirty-hour continuous push an attack was launched at 2 A.M. during a blizzard and a bunch of Jerries were caught napping. As one German officer PW said, "Only the damn fool Americans would attack in weather like this." However, it sure paid dividends in troops and equipment captured.

This is about all the news for now so I'll close. Hope it doesn't sound too trite when I say, "I hope I'll be seeing you soon."

Please remember me to all the gang.
Best wishes,
Major Larry Laliberte

Wounded



Cpl. Conrad Allard, was wounded in the fighting at Belgium, Jan. 14, 1945. He is the son of Alice of Block Test.

Wounded at Luzon

Clifford King, formerly from W. E. Department, was slightly wounded on Luzon January 12, 1945 according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. King. Clifford is stationed with a communication unit, and has been in the Pacific area since September 1943.

Pvt. Archer Jones, son of Jessie Jones of the Boxing Department, was slightly wounded on Luzon, according to word received recently. Archer holds the Good Conduct medal, and served at New Caledonia, New Zealand and New Guinea, as well as the Philippines.

Dear Editor:

I received the Log today, and can't tell you how much I appreciate it. I was very glad to hear that Sprague workers were praised for buying War Bonds. I am sure Sprague workers can, and will, keep it up — and also keep production rolling for Victory. Regards to all.

Sincerely,

Bill Pasotti

HEAVE -- HO MAIDS!

Faraway husbands are missed with extra poignancy by wives who have to shovel coal into a furnace, observes Lieutenant-Colonel Harlan Miller, columnist.



James Markland, Yeoman, stationed at New Orleans, La. Son of Mary, of Selkar.

Beaver Street Bits

Block Test

By Barbara King

Perfect Attendance Records For January

We are glad to report that the number of persons in this department, with perfect attendance records for January, shows an increase over December. However, we were proud of our December record! On the plus score this month, are: Frances Solari, Barbara King, Frederick Landry, Mary Zito, Albert Vareschi, Anna Lamoureux, Dolores Bailey, Alphonse LaFountain, Gertrude Burr, Theodore Raymond, Elizabeth Kenney, Joseph Doyon, Rita Dargie, Julia Abraham, Elizabeth Fleury, Alda Massari, Eleanor Stoeber, Agnes Perry, Bernadette Bordwin, Anna Malloy, Josephine Roe, Lena Cuccia, Claire Denno, Josephine DePaoli, Florina Strange, Emily Kaczela, Donald Beaudin, Eva Stone and Lucille Beaudry.

Tables Turned

The Walker Street Wildcats finally turned the tables on the Girls' Bowling Team from Block Test — beating them by 75 pins at the Olympian Annex.

Walker Street Wildcats: John Williams 241, Sonny Lavariere 243, Eddie Woodside 246, Frank DePaoli 252, Chet Luczynski 266. Total 1248.

Block Test Girls: Eleanor Stoeber 226, Helen Harrington 211, Ruth Arrighini 232, Josephine DePaoli 250, Anna Lamoureux 254. Total 1173.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Donald Beaudin, who is leaving us soon. Donald was given a purse by his co-workers and the presentation was made by Rita Allard who wrote the following verse:

Donald — this little token
Isn't much, we know.
It's given with best wishes —
We hate to see you go.

Even though you teased us,
And vexed us all, 'tis true.
We hate to say "goodbye",
Instead, it's "Au Revoir" to you.

We'll miss you sleeping on the table
Or sitting on the sill to rest.
But where ever you may wander —
Don't forget us of "Block Test."

The Gang

"W. E." Department

By Emma Alongi

Engagement of Jean Koza of our department to Philip Barbeau of Block Test. The wedding will take place in the near future.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Richards on their 25th wedding anniversary which they celebrated February 17th.

Our best wishes go with Mary Stavaski who has left to fulfill her dreams. Mary is to study aviation, and hopes some day to become a pilot.

Welcome back Beatrice Faustini. We trust you enjoyed your visit with your husband at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

We were happy to hear that Lorraine Rougeau's brother, Sgt. Louis Rougeau, was home recently on a thirty day leave. Sgt. Rougeau has been in the South Pacific for eighteen months.

Tubular Assembly

By Gertrude Gentile

Rita Kowalski and Florence Morin recently spent a week end in Boston. Come Out. Come Out, Lena Simonelli wherever you are. We certainly enjoyed the show and especially you. Ah! Leon — Amour, Amour.

Assembly Personalities

Most Ambitious	Harold Caron
Wittiest	Sarah Cook
Cheerful	Rita Samia
Best Dancer	Nellie Morin
Heartiest Eater	Leah Sullivan
Noisiest	Dorothy Blanchard
Best Singer	Gertrude Gentile
Most Amorous	Leon DeGraff

WANTED:

One artist — preferably Male.
There are several girls who want themselves done in oil. We can furnish brushes. Apply James Mancuso.



Lt. Laurence Dion, Pilot with the Air Corps on a B-29, has served for three years; Sgt. Anne Dion, stationed at Army Headquarters in the Dutch East Indies, after having enlisted in the WACs two years ago; Edward Dion, S1-c, now on a destroyer doing convoy duty. He is a Radar man, and was formerly employed in Machine Shop. Mrs. Victoria Dion, of Block Test, is their mother.

Impregnating

By Angie Langer

We have learned that Cpl. Nicholas Del Negro has arrived somewhere in England.

The Impregnating Department wishes to express their deepest sympathy to Helen Button who lost her husband in service. Bob was a member of our Department.

Word from Bill MacArthur, who is attending the Central Park School of Art, states that he enjoys his work very much — especially the models!

Paul Fitzpatrick, S. 2-c has been transferred from the Naval Hospital in Newport, to St. Albans Hospital in L. I. We are still waiting for that leave — Paul.

A certain young lady has a cute chuckle — but — only at certain things. We enjoy it, Angie.

Jackie Senecal, we are wondering what you would do if anyone did "Fence You In."

Congratulations go to our foreman, Leon Richards, who has completed his course, "Managing Men at Work" from the I.C.S. and has now received his diploma.

Machine Shop

By John Walsh

Recent Visitor

Edward B. Dion, S 1-c, formerly employed at the Beaver Street Machine shop was a recent visitor to our Department. He was enjoying a short furlough with his wife and daughter in Shelburne Falls, Mass.

The boys of the Beaver Machine Shop extend their deepest sympathy to the family of the late Eli Tattersall of Adams, Mass. Mr. Tattersall was formerly employed at the Beaver Shop.

Bathtub Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

We of the B.T.A. all rejoiced with Pearl Johnson upon receipt of the cable advising that her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Lapham and their two children, who have been held prisoners by the Japs for the past three years in Manila, are "Alive and Well." Their release is expected any day. Mrs. Lapham was the former Marion Johnson.

Pearl had another surprise when her son, Flight Officer William Johnson, came home on furlough recently from Craig Field, Selma, Alabama.

Perfect Attendance for January

Frank Cirullo, Mildred Embry, Pat Mazza, Mary Maruco, Frank Bassett, Fannie Bellows, Bob Moors, Pauline McCuen, Jeff Barry, Jean McLagan, Dot Daniels, Merida Baldessarini, Ethel Fossier, Ruth Haskins, Lillian Solomon and Anne Palmer.

Check Inspection

By Linda Brown

Main topic among check inspectors these days is about Staff Sgt. Harry Short, who has returned to a hospital in Virginia after spending a 15 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Short of our department. "Mom" Short fulfilled a long standing promise when she invited all her "daughters" up to visit while he was home. The following remarks were overheard:

Norma Lerta: Umm- mmm- he's just my type! What a man!

Fran Morse: I can't help it — honest kids. My foot just naturally snaps up when I get kissed. Boy, is he smooth. Suzie Vanier: Oh-h-h! I wish Eddie was here.

Thelma Williams: If I wasn't already in love — I'd — well —

Doris Domenick: I can't, I've got a sore tooth.

Fran. Cerminara: Those eyes. That voice. Gee — let's talk about Harry. Rita Sharron: Gee — he was actually in the same hospital in Italy as my Billy.

Rita Pedrin: To think I had to stay home in bed with a cold.

Glad to see Mary DelPonte is back after quite a long stay in the south. Where's the southern accent, honey chile?

A birthday party was held for Marie Dennis in the Drys, we had all the trimmings and loads of fun. Many happy returns, Marie. And here's to Marie's husband who has been awarded the Purple Heart, we are proud of him too.

Have you all heard that Corinne Vanier's boy friend was recently promoted to Sergeant?

The new bride, Peggy Davies formerly Peggy Sullivan, is very busy these days furnishing an apartment. With everything you'd like so hard to get, quite a headache isn't it, Peg?

We send best wishes to Ethel Brown who is convalescing from a recent operation.

Formation Department

By George Senecal

Formation Get-Together

Ten of the boys in the Formation Department went to John Zwiercan's Chicken Ranch and had a spaghetti dinner. Pete Tash did a swell job as cook and also did well in the card game. John's chickens are laying very well, — the boys drank about three dozen eggs right out of the coop and they were very good with beer. Alex Brown did a swell job eating. I don't think he had anything to eat for two days afterward, the way he went after the spaghetti. Arthur Hewitt did OK too. And that bread was good! Louis Haley almost went to sleep. Brooksie played bartender. He did OK, too. George Senecal almost drank two bottles of water...that was a dirty trick, fellows. Joe Pevoski liked the game of cards we played. It was a good game of hearts. What? All in all, we had a swell time, and sorry the rest of the boys couldn't make it... Harrington almost go there!

Cupid has been around our department — and distributed some cute valentines — Hills, Harrington, La Bombard and Pinsonnault.

The boys all want to congratulate George Beverly on his daughter. We wish the family a lot of luck, George.

I wonder what Bish Guyette will talk about now—that the fishing season is past.

They tell me Al Brown is doing a good job mopping floors and doing dishes. It's a good way to keep the wife happy.

TANKS to the YANKS

Maintenance

By Umbriago

ORCHIDS TO: Our Log Staff, and to Mr. R. C. Sprague for the very pleasant evening we enjoyed at the Richmond for the Log banquet.

We are told that Art Giroux is some violinist — and left-handed at that! Anyway, he is said to play his violin minus a G string while (Rome burns). We are wondering why he didn't play it the other morning while the (snow melted). Then, he would not have had to shovel for an hour — or would not have had a lame back as the result of his labor.

Charlie Dean of the Brown Street Plant wishes to thank the owners of the cars from the Beaver Plant, who pushed him up the hill one slippery morning. As the story is told, it took two cars to do the work — Charlie, what do you carry in that Ford, or were your feet dragging?

Congratulations to Maintenance Gang

Dear Gang:

I thought I'd drop a few lines to thank you for your kind thoughtfulness at Christmas. I feel proud to be a part of such a swell gang, such as you represent. We are enjoying a bit of winter right now, and snow, just like back home. I received the December 9th issue of the Log and how surprised I was to see some of my gang in the picture on the front page, working on the plating job. Congratulations on a fine piece of work, gents. Only Sprague could accomplish a job like that. If you should contact any of the boys in Formation, tell them I said "hello"...Keep 'em rolling and may success be yours for all time.

Larry (Red) Clark

THANK YOU LETTER Received From Boys Town

My dear Friends:

I am sorry the rush of the Holidays has delayed until now my acknowledgment of your contribution. I speak for all of my boys, as well as for myself, when I say we are profoundly and sincerely grateful to you.

By your remembrance of these poor boys, you have helped to make sure that here at Boys Town—the only place they can call "HOME" they will continue to have shelter, food, clothing and education for 1945.

Within a few weeks, twenty-two boys will graduate from our high school because of our accelerated school program. Most of these boys will enter the various branches of our armed forces. As they take their places with those who are already serving our country, I know you join me in the prayer that their sacrifices will soon bring victorious peace.

Thank you again for your generosity, and hope that good health and true happiness will be yours throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Father E. J. Flanagan

Section Test

By Margaret Daniels

Congratulations to Charlotte Lasher, our former co-worker who has made a successful debut over Station WGY of the Networks...Well, Charlotte, we told you so! With that voice of yours, it was only a matter of time before some talent scout would hear you on the "Sprague on Parade" program!

Come now, Jackie Senecal — keep your eyes on your work!

Don't let the green eyed monster get you, Alice Williamson! What if Margaret Moor did get a nice ride — and you didn't; but Alice, you'd need someone bigger than Mary Bennett to push you around.

Just wondering—What would happen if Mary Walden came in with her hair combed before coming to work!

Perfect Attendance Record



Albert Horsfall, who has been with the Sprague Company for two years, and during that time he has been absent but ONE day -- and has never been late! Outside of his job in the Maintenance Department, Al is very interested in woodworking, is an expert photographer, and an enthusiastic LOG reporter.

Thanks LOG Staff

Mrs. Viola Short, formerly our Reporter for the Dry Test Department wishes to thank the Log Staff, and the Dry Test Department, for the very lovely flowers she received while at the hospital.

Married Thirty Years



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allard, married thirty years, February 6, 1915. Mrs. Allard works in Block Test.

All Serving

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allard were married thirty years on February 6, 1915. They are proud of their two sons in service: Warrant Officer Wilford Allard, stationed in England, and their son, Cpl. Conrad Allard, who was wounded in Belgium on January 15, 1945. The Allards also have four daughters employed at Spragues, and helping the war effort: Rita, in Block Test; Alice in Block Annex; Lucille in W.E. Department and Mrs. Jeanne Zdon, now on leave of absence. There is another son, Joseph Jr., working in the K.V.A. at Brown Street.

Barbara King

Networks

By Lucy DeFazio

Many happy returns of the day to Lea Walden who celebrated her birthday, February 15th and Lillian Adams who celebrated hers the 21st.

A cordial welcome to Gladys Hamer and Charles Lincoln to our department. Incidentally Charles, we all agree, is a typical "Abe Lincoln" character.

If it doesn't stop snowing soon, we suggest that Oliver Ledger buy himself some snow shoes. In this way his worries of shoveling himself out each morning would be ended.

MARSHALL MUSIC

Selkar

Night Shift

By C. Barbeau and C. Wager

Believe it or not, but Lillian Lafave is going on a diet.

Nora Todd would not be able to work if she didn't go to church, and we hear that Nellie Baker is going to church in the morning.

We all wish to welcome Helen Mongeon to our line.

What would we all do if we couldn't call Claude to ask him something?

Have you seen Grace Kohler trying to catch the bus lately?

We wish to welcome Mr. Baker and his associates Rita and Mary to our line.

We all miss Carolyn, Phyllis, Sara and Mary, "Our High School Kids." We hope you'll be back with us soon. Ora Lesage received a bushel basket of assorted nuts from her son who is in the navy in Florida. Don't forget your co-workers, Ora.

Who rescued Alda O'Neil from jumping out of the window, when she heard her husband was home from the army?

We hear that Nora Dawe made some doughnuts the other day. Please pass them, the next time.

Mrs. Beaupre's aprons are very nice, we hear she makes them herself,— we envy you, Alma.

Elizabeth Robicheau would like to have some one spank her cat, we hear that Kitty is naughty lately, tearing up rugs.

We are going to miss Carolyn Barbeau, our Log Reporter. She is leaving us. We all wish you good luck.

Training in the Selkar

By Rita Sciliano

Angie Morandi entertained a group of girls at her home recently. Everyone had a grand time. Little Lois Morandi at the tender age of one and a half was the star of the evening with her acrobatic dancing.

Hurry and take that quarantine sign off of your door, Florence Nillis. We miss you.

The girls were wondering whether they should turn over a shoe stamp to Rose Passotti, no one ever sees her shoes. But Rose says the reason why she keeps her overshoes on all day is, she wants to be ready to run when she receives the call that her brother, CPL. ANGELO, is home from overseas duty.

Marion Dardis' rendition of "I Wanna Get Married," is something to hear. Are you serious, Marion?

The Selkar extends its sympathy to Mrs. Rose Felix at the loss of her son-in-law and to Miss Lawson, in the loss of her nephew, Pfc. Robert Button.

Here's hoping the following girls will be back with us soon: Mary DiDonna, Carolyn Barbeau, Sarah Candiloro and Phyllis Tromblay.

A "Believe It or Not" was called to my attention. Nora Todd and Katherine Patterson had their first taste of ice-cream when they came to work in Selkar. How do you like it, girls? I hear it was Alma Beaupre who convinced the girls that it was quite tasty. Alma has her double-header daily.

Shipping Room

We are glad to hear Ernest Haley is home from the hospital. We were really surprised when he came to pay the shipping room a visit. We were certainly glad to see him. Hurry back to work, Ernie.

Maintenance

By Frank Daniels

William Falcon asked Howard Wetmore for a cigarette the other day with every intention of returning the favor; because Bill said: "I expect to get a whole carton, when?" Bill said, casually, "After the war."

Have you noticed the sign on Faxon Bowen's tool cupboard? It reads, "Loan Department closed; Bowen in Restricted Area."

Jack Tromblay saw to it that we in the maintenance will get a new electric drill. Isn't that right, Jack?

While we were adjusting the electrical controls, attached to the new air conditioning system for Selkar Impregnating, some one sent John Petro down to where we were working with a ten pound sledge hammer. When we asked John what the hammer was for, he innocently replied: "Well, that would fix it."

P. A. A. Department
By Mary Musk

Shower

A shower was held in honor of Mrs. Nora Scerbo, formerly of Mica Prep, at the home of her mother-in-law, Mary Scerbo. In spite of the terrific snow storm, the girls managed to get there, including Elsie Leja and Irene Moderski who drifted along with the snow all the way from Adams. A wonderful spaghetti supper was served and entertainment was furnished by some of the guests. Bessie Paradis gave an imitation of Betty Boop, Mary Musk sang a solo, "Dish Pan Hands", supported by a chorus of fifteen. Everyone had loads of fun. The evening ended perfectly for Mary and Joe Scerbo, with a long distance phone call from their soldier son. Yes sir! there's something about a soldier!

With her feet properly equipped, Laura Doran could cut some nice figure eights in Grace Beall's corner.

Beatrice Hill's husband was home on furlough.

Martha Phillips is home while her brother is here on a twenty-one day furlough. May these twenty-one days be most enjoyable to you.

Checking Along with the Resistors

By Kay Corsi

Margaret Cutler received word that her son, Alton, had received the Purple Heart. This is her second son to receive such an honor.

Between Bertha Salavantis and "yours truly," and shuttle trains, we were glad to hear that Jess Waryasz and Helen Jobin succeeded in finding their hotel in New York City.

A surprise party was held in honor of Mary Grande's birthday, Friday, Feb. 2. Besides being presented with a beautiful cake, Mary also received several presents for her home as well as a beautiful mahogany card table.

Who were the two girls that caused such a commotion by appearing with red hair? It isn't everybody who can have red hair, is it Lillian Crandall and "Pete" LaBelle?

Was Cassie Chaput a surprised girl when a co-worker showed her a write-up about her husband. He aided in capturing eight Germans, so I guess Cassie has every right to be proud.

Things I like to see:

Venice Folino sending "miss you" cards to boy friends.

Lil Crandall's always-immaculate hair.

Ardelle Ruby spent the week of February 5th in Boston.

(More Brown St. News on Page 6)

SPORTS COLUMN . . .

by Bullett, Carpenter and Russell

ADAMS-SEARLES COMPETE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Interscholastic basketball is about over. The regular league slates in both the Northern and Southern Berkshires have been completed with Adams and Searles winning the titles. These two schools will now meet in a series of games to determine the Berkshire championship. If Adams wins, they will need only the baseball crown to make it a clean sweep, for last fall, they capped the football race.

In the forthcoming playoff games, Adams should win easily. They have displayed a brilliant and steady brand of ball, being undefeated in the Northern Berkshire League—which is considerably stronger than the down-country circuit. However, Searles has a high scoring aggregation and a very clever center in William Caligari who totaled 204 points in sixteen games.

Highlights of Past Season

Joe Mikutowicz established himself as one of the outstanding guards of all time. He held Billy Hart to 12 points

in two games and outscored the inimitable negro in both contests. Hart, by the way, was the leading scorer, winning the scoring honors with plenty to spare. Bob Kately, Drury's freshman center, set a league-scoring mark by tossing 28 points against Dalton. Adams set a team record when they overwhelmed the local St. Joe's outfit 72-19. The season upset was St. Joe's of North Adams defeating Pittsfield's St. Joe 24-23.

The year's biggest disappointment once again came from Pittsfield where both public and parochial schools failed to live up to pre-season expectations. Incidentally, Pittsfield's poor season led to an investigation which revealed that there should be three head coaches and assistants for each sport. It could be that the League is too fast for them.

The next issue, I will pick my All-Northern Berkshire Quintet. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

—Bernie Bullett

TEAM AVERAGES FOR SPRAGUE GIRLS' BOWLING LEAGUE
First Round

Team	Average	Matches
Block Test	1213.4	7
Mica Prep	1209.7	7
Dry Rolling	1208.5	6
Block Annex	1207.0	7
Sample Dept.	1198.1	6
Western Electric	1192.8	7
Resistors	1155.1	7
Inspectors	1119.8	7

BLOCK ANNEX

Madeline Roullet 87.6
Esther Perrault 86.8
Dot Davis 84.4
Alice Allard 81.8
Sue Higgins 78
Clara Genest 74
Lorraine Dubreuil 70.1
L. Dufraigne 69

SAMPLE DEPT. (Brown Street)

Rita Mulqueen 88.7
Gladys Markland 85.5
Mary Markland 81
Rita DeMarco 73.1
Eleanor Dudley 71.5

MICA PREP

Dot Boutwell 88.3
Gerry Carleton 86
Josephine O'Connell 79.3
Orella Tatro 79.2
Marg. Dunn 77.4
Lucy Sindletico 73.2
Glora Paonessa 72.6

BLOCK TEST

Barbara King 85.1
Pauline Jandran 82
Anna Lamoureux 81.6
Josephine DePaoli 80.5
Muriel Benz 79.3
Mickey Koczela 79.2
Eleanor Stoeber 69

RESISTORS

Carmen Voghel 88
Celia Duda 83.3
Marge Darling 78.9
Jean Donovan 76.6
Lillian Blair 71.8
Marianna Hanafin 60.7

WESTERN ELECTRIC

"Vieci" Yeargin 83.2
Peggy St. Pierre 81.6
Anita Wojnicki 79.7
Lorraine Lamoureux 78.9
Vicki Candilora 76.2
Shirley Degere 74.7

INSPECTORS

Isabel Witherow 89.1
Agnes L'Ecuier 79.4
Barbara Williams 78.8
Bertha Southgate 75.8
Ellen Perras 74.6
Esther Estes 64.9

DRY ROLLING

Margaret Wohler 87.3
Rose Joseph 84.7
Gladys Costello 83.3
Bessie Garceau 76.5
Evelyn Falbo 74.3
Lena Solomon 73.1

WINTER SPORTS EVENTS

In the New England Silver Skates meet held in the Boston Gardens, Louis Felix, veteran local skater, entered the Senior Division. In the 1st heat, 14 other skaters toed the mark and in the fastest heat of the day he finished fifth — just one short of a qualifying position. Incidentally the winner of this heat went on to take the Senior Crown.

The Williamstown Skating Association is about to hold a meet that will bring skaters from all parts of New England. The management has gone to a lot of trouble and expense to bring fancy skaters as an extra exhibition. If successful, it is planned to make this an annual affair.

The College basketball world still finds the Army and Navy basketball teams on the unbeaten side of the ledger. Army in three years has never tasted defeat.

Williams College recently won the New England Swimming Championship. The mermen this year lost but one meet and that was to the undefeated Yale squad that has won some 67 meets.

The recent organized Kotska Quintet of Adams took the measure of the Less Market Five, winners of the 1st half of the Northern Berkshire Amateur Basketball Loop. The Kotska five are players of by-gone days but still can play a good brand of basketball.

A Good Sport

Charles Slade, who completed two successive years of work without losing time out for absenteeism or tardiness, is our idea of a "good sport." He deserves especial praise, since he has passed his 73rd birthday.

With typical workers of Mr. Slade's caliber, the boys over there should feel that the home front is backing the attack.

—Kenny Russell

Meet Your Reporters

Esther Perrault

Block Annex



Will have completed ten years of service at Sprague's in September. Six of these, she traveled back and forth from Cheshire to get here. She is supervisor in Block Test, is fond of all sports, especially bowling. She likes to dance, and has served on the Ticket Committee of the Minstrel Benefit Show.



Betty Jangrow
Wire Coating

Has worked in the Wire Coating Department for almost three years. She is a member of the LOG Social Committee. Her hobby, at present, is writing many letters which go to the South Pacific to her two brothers in Service. Betty's son is a Freshman at Drury.

Rita Siciliano
Training Center



Rita has been with Sprague's eleven and a half years. Her favorite sport is bowling. She has been active on the Minstrel Show Committee for the past three years, and serves on the LOG Social Committee. "Red" is known for her radiant smile.

Sample Lab

By Ears and Eyes of the Sample Lab

Welcome back to Thelma Carney. We're glad to announce that our male population is increasing. Harold Alderman, ex-Marine, is our newest addition.

Slagons for Our Gang:

Dora Grant—Fight a cold four ways.
Blanche Bordon—Ninety-nine and forty-four one hundredths per cent pure, it floats.
Mary Markland—So round, so firm, so fully packed.
Eleanor Dudley—I'd walk a mile for a Camel.
Thelma Carney—The skin you love to touch.
Mary Babcock—Best tunes of all go to Carnegie Hall.
Marge Crews—Roll your own with Bugler.
Ethel Kayes—It's King size.
Rita DeMarco—Ipana, for the smile of beauty.
Alma Finardi—Sal Hepatica, for the smile of health.
Loretta Bezzie—Rinsno white, happy little washday song.
Gilda Waryjasz—Bit of honey, so delicious.
Gladys Markland—Throw away that razor, use blue jay.
Rita Mulqueen—Learn to play the piano in ten easy lessons.
Ed. Scully—Good to the last drop.
George Magee—Stop at your Easo station for a road map.
Frank Gegalas—Make mine Rupperts.
Harold Alderman—Develop your chest, the Charles Atlas way.

Wire Coating

1st Shift -- By Betty Jangrow

LET'S TELL THE TRUTH --

For George's Birthday

Fess up, Larry Wells — just how long was that pickerel?

Now tell us again, Freddy Miller — was that snowdrift really that high?

Didn't the photographer prove, Pete LePage — what you always knew about Peter?

Clint Germain, — don't you sorta miss not shoveling coal or snow? Nice miss, eh?

Willy Harris — aren't you just a little proud of all your girls?

Bill Battersby — which is your choice — copper wire and progress or good old Standard standby?

Fess up, Mr. Haskins — don't you kinda like having a three-ring circus going all the time.

A Toast to Ralph

We all know a farmer named Blood, Who hikes from the North every day. In fair weather, snowstorm or mud, His "Olds" down to Sprague's finds its way.

As mechanic, we oft see him slave, At his emery wheel, bench or drill press. On a pulley job he often will save — A wire-coating dame in distress.

Bolts, washers, pulleys and screws you'll find —

Whatever you ask of this man! (woo-woo)

So drink a toast to Ralph on the line Who helps all, every way that he can!

Other Toasts

At the Log banquet on January 31, there were many different "toasts" given as tributes to the workers at Sprague's. One of the important ones was a toast to the women in service. The Wire Coating room was honored by having two of its former members mentioned—they were Cadet Nurses Elinor Aspinall and Gladys Pelloquin.

Our out-of-town workers deserve a great deal of credit. In spite of the severe cold and the great amount of snow that has fallen, there has been very little absenteeism.

Congratulations to Mary Pickwell, who has a new little niece to love—and born the same day Jean Hermon was helping her Billy celebrate his third birthday.

Second Shift -- By Helen Burdick

Welcome back Edith Dillon, we missed you.

Isabel Farley is spending a few days in New York City with her sister who has undergone an operation.

Constance Prendergast has left our department to work in Pittsfield. We miss you Connie, and wish you success in your new work.

Bill Jennings, formerly of this Department, was wounded Nov. 19, on entering Germany. Bill is making a satisfactory recovery in a hospital in England. We hope his recovery is complete at this writing. Say, girls, do you know Bill has actually learned to like coffee?

Mica

By "Tra" and Eleanor

Eleanor Lally, Dot Shephard, Gloria Chietini and Geraldine Rhodes spent the week end in Boston recently. Eleanor, tell the folks about the piece of furniture you tried to take out of the theater.

Nominated for the Perfect Gentleman's Gentleman: John Marran. "Vic" Gendron is renting his Super Deluxe Cigarette Rolling Machine by the hour. (See Leo Lemoine for the rate.)

Rita Nadeau of the Assembly Line announces her price for splitting wood is \$1.00 per cord.

We wish to thank all those who contributed recently to the collection of books, puzzles, etc. for Mary Coffill.

Resistor Navy Line

By Bertha Salavantis

A birthday party was held in honor of Carmen Voghel by her coworkers of the Resistor Dept. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by the group. The guest of honor was presented with a pair of ear-rings. Art Van Steemburg thought he was at an eating contest and did away with most of the food, with Elsie Dickinson coming in second.

A shower was held recently at Morrissey's Cafe in honor of Miss Ida Peltier. Dancing exhibitions were given by Carmen Voghel and a speech by Mrs. Catherine Del Debbio. The bride-to-be was presented with two sets of gold salt and pepper shakers. Piano selections were given by Lucy Abuisi. They all laughed when she got up to play and ended up screaming when she did play. A good time was had by all!

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Ryan. Supper was enjoyed by the group and a birthday cake with sixteen candles was presented to the guest of honor. Sweet sixteen, eh, Betty?

Troubles! !

The Receiving Department crew certainly have their (cow) troubles. One spent a sleepless night when his cow's calf was born. Number two, went home that same noon and found his cow had hit the road. He spent his noon hour looking for her but couldn't find her (P.S. She came home that night.) Number three, spent his noon hour looking for *louse* power for No. 1 cow. All in all, the Beele Boys had a busy day.

Art Bissailon is now having chicken trouble. He went out to feed his chickens the other A.M. and found one with its tail frozen in the ice. He's waiting for warm weather to thaw it out. If anyone knows of a better way, please let Art know.

The girls on the Navy Line are buying "Dot" Wells a pair of roller skates so she won't have to run after the bus.

Resistor Shipping

By Evelyn Dodge

Helen Burzimati and Annie Swenson have left us, but as they are not far away we see them everyday.

We enjoyed a Valentine Party. Everyone brought in a cooked dish from home. We certainly enjoyed our meal!

Catherine Szurek's son, Anthony, Jr., was awarded the Life Scout merit badge, at a court of honor at St. Mary's Church in Pittsfield. We are all proud of you, Sonny, keep up the good work!

Everytime we see a glint in Rose Grillone's eyes, we can guess the answer—her husband is due home again.

We would like to know that kindly man, too, who gives Eileen Lambert a lift up street these days?

What happened to our lemon pie, Ciel Shanahan? ? Be careful with that Spy, — it takes points!

Resistor Shipping Party

Resistor Shipping has a party today! Each, brings something, his way to pay. Whatever you drew, from that grey box,

Was yours to buy, — or else concoct. A Valentine too, you also bring, It might be funny, — but not have a sting;

The girls of Shipping are a jolly lot, Naming their virtues puts me on the spot;

There's Rosie, the tester, dark and shy, But always smiling when you go by. And Gloria V. — it seems to me, Is in a place she'd rather not be; Evelyn Dodge is always serene, None of her thoughts are ever mean.

And Kathryn S., we thought was shy, But she put one over on a certain guy, Eileen, you know, does a number of things, When the music is right, you'd think she had springs! And there is Louise, quiet as a breeze, She wouldn't ask anything, without saying "please."

Connie on the bridge, most of the time, But sometimes you find her on Signal Corps line.

Look at Helen H., she arrives in the morn

With a face like the sun, after a storm.

Although, Mrs. Coody is Scotch, we agree,

She furnishes us laughs, absolutely free —

There's Irene from Plating,

Who sometimes keeps us waiting.

And Rita, she boxes, you know what I mean,

She doesn't wear gloves, but keeps her hands clean,

Don't forget Kay M., — who's here and there,

You'd think she had four hands, not just a pair —

These are the girls of Resistor shipping,

When there is a rush, they do the stepping!

INDUSTRIAL OIL

We are sure the black clouds are showing a silver lining for Edith Lillie. Her son, Sgt. Wilfred Lillie, reported missing in action November 13th, has now been declared a prisoner of war of the Nazis.

Perfect Attendance for Two Years



Congratulations to Charles H. Slade, a resident of Stamford, Vt. who has completed two full years with Sprague Electric Company without being absent or late. He now works in K.V.A. for Lloyd Bullett. Sometimes "Charlie" has to walk to work, — and back. I bet he can out-walk any young person! He's always here on time. He's a jolly sort of person and always has a cheerful word for everyone. Keep up the good record, — you're setting a good example for the rest of us to follow.

Industrial Oil Rolling

By Blanche Duquette

Elizabeth Slattery has become our song-bird of the rollers. Olga tries to help out, Oh, Olga, that sour note!

Here are a few songs that fit? ?

Irene Sweeney —
A Little on the Lonely Side
Edith Shaw —

Walking the Floor Over You

Angie Trimarchi — One Meat Ball

Lillian Walker — How I Hate to

Get Up in the Morning

Anne Watts — Paper Doll

Blanche Duquette — St. Louis Blues

Elizabeth Slattery —

Put Your Arms Around Me Honey!

Olga Campedelli — Rum and Coca Cola

Nita Kleiner — If I Had My Way

Pat Walker — Too Much in Love

This is your reporter signing off and incidentally if anyone has cigarettes for us rollers, do come up and see us sometime! ! !

Vit. Q Networks

By A. Heath and W. Sheldon
We welcome back Ida Watts after her illness. You are looking fine Ida. We all wish that Martha Lewis' "Johnny" would come back from the Fair and bring a pig with him.

Lena Bullett is a sissy or else she got snowed in.

Bernie Stackpole is putting on a few pounds. Would it be the good old Adams cooking? ?

That big "Thud" the other day was not a land-slide. That was Gracie Ogert making a three-point landing on the floor.

Please boys and girls, keep out of Pittsfield. It is bad for the morale.

The 616 table can boast of a couple of boxing experts. Do your boxing at the Y.M.C.A. not in the Networks. See Ken Russell, he might be able to get you a boxing match.

Hope you will be back with us soon, Winnie Emery.

What's Wrong With Home Front

This is a part of a letter received by Viola Rand from her son, somewhere in Belgium.

"If things were as good back home as it is here, it wouldn't be so bad. It seems every time we pick up a paper or tune in on the radio, all we hear is strikes going on back home. It is bad enough to fight the weather and the enemy over here, but fighting the home front is a different story. They talk about morale, — well they sure aren't doing anything to keep it up! I guess we are keeping up the morale of the home front as well. It sure burns a fellow up. A guy can't figure out what kind of folks are left back home, and what they are fighting for. It is a good thing I didn't write last night, after what we heard over the radio. You would have disowned me. I think I have said enough."

Lots of love,
Your son.

This letter is an echo of thousands of others sent to the good old U. S. A. We may do a little grumbling and a little beefing, but each and everyone in Sprague's is behind you, boys, and I mean behind you both with bonds and production!

Resistor Standard Assembly

By Kay DePari

Fitting Songs
Rita DePari — Don't Fence Me In
Pat Shafer — To Have and to Hold
Art Van Steemburg — Mr. Five by Five
Eddie Sprague — Little Do I Know
Jimmy Horrigan — How Many Hearts Have You Broken?

Mary Marra —
I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now
Marion Bates — My Bobby
Bill Pierce — I'll Never Smile Again
Red Czerwinski —

Red Sails in the Sunset
Jack Shields — Dark Eyes

I want to express my hearty congratulations to Pat Shafer. St. Joseph's finally won a (one) game. How did they do it, Pat?

Our Safety Corner

